

April 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, we hear the beautiful story of the Risen Christ appearing to the two disciples walking away from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus. It was the first Easter morning when Jesus begins to walk with the two disciples. When Jesus asked what they were talking about, they are described as being "downcast." They did not recognize it was Jesus walking with them. They said "are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know what has been happening "about Jesus being crucified. And they have already heard some of their women had gone to the tomb and found it empty and they had heard that Peter and John had gone to the tomb and been told by an angel that He had risen. They said they were hoping Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah. (Cardinal John Wright once said those are the saddest words in Scriptures!) Jesus then explained why it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and die in order to rise again. When they reached Emmaus they invited Jesus to stay with them. When He took the Bread and broke it, they recognized it was Jesus who had walked with them. "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" It is the story of every one of us! Jesus walks with each of us on the road of life. We often do not recognize Him in the ordinary events and people or our lives. Indeed we too encounter the Risen Lord in every Mass as He speaks to us in the Scriptures and we know Him in the Breaking of Bread (the first name of the Mass.)

Thank you to all who are contributing to the support of our parish by online giving or mailing your contributions or dropping it off at the Rectory.

Thank you also to all who have already responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our parish is expected to contribute \$63,000 as our share of the appeal.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell about the daily scripture or the upcoming one for Sunday. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week's

video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on FaceBook Live Saturday at 5pm, and save it to YouTube afterward for people to watch.

If you need to come to the Rectory we ask that you please call 302-764-0325 THANK YOU!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Bill Lawler, Mary Tabler, Fr. Charles Dillingham

Is there someone you know: in your family, a neighbor or friend, whom you can encourage to come home? Someone may be waiting for the invitation to come and find peace. The Lord needs **YOU** to extend the invitation.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIOCESE

Unfortunately, during times of crisis, scammers emerge to prey on the vulnerable. We have had a report that **scammers are impersonating clergy** in an effort to gain access to our peoples' accounts. Please, verify any communications from clergy or parish before sending any personal information.

The Offertory Collections: For the week of 4/5 was \$4,531.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,160.00 for a total of \$6,691.00. For the week of 4/12 was \$2,644.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,734.00 for a total of \$5,378.00. THANK YOU!



Cancelled

Out of respect for all our Bingo players, volunteers and our community at large, we are cancelling our weekly Bingo. We will reassess the situation at another time and decide when it is best to begin weekly Bingo games again. We offer our prayers that all in our community remain well and we look forward to seeing everyone at Bingo when we begin our games again.



MASSES

Msgr Russell is celebrating a Mass each day privately, as the Bishop said. If there is a Mass intention listed for any of the Masses, he is offering the Mass for that intention. If there are more intentions listed, he will celebrate that Mass at another day when there is no intention. He misses seeing all of you at Mass but is praying for all of you. Pray that God delivers us from this Corona Virus.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

Deceased Members of the Russell and Sullivan Families

Sunday, April 26

People of the Parish

Monday, April 27

Paul O. Knight

Tuesday, April 28

Thomas Nelson

Wednesday, April 29

Anthony Leounes, Jr.

Thursday, April 30

Judi Pelkey

Friday, May 1

Deacon Joe Romans

Saturday, May 2

Christine Donahue

Sunday, May 3

People of the Parish



Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:31-39

More Than Conquerors

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died---more than that, who was raised to life---is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...As it is written:

*“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord.

Changes in Light of the Novel Coronavirus

from Bishop Malooly...

To comply with the orders and guidance of the governors of the States of Delaware and Maryland, Bishop Malooly instructs that **all parish churches be closed until further notice. No gatherings or services should be organized that bring people out of their homes.**

The closure means that churches may not be open for private prayer. No drive-in, drive-through, drive-up, or other type services are permitted.

In addition, Bishop Malooly has instructed priests not to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in parishes and to only perform the Sacraments in cases where the individual is in danger of dying.

We need to take every precaution and every step necessary to ensure the health of the people we serve. Government officials and experts have said that these upcoming weeks will be critical to slowing the spread of the disease in this area.

Parish offices should be closed to the public. Only minimal staff may be brought in to perform essential functions. Programs that serve those in need may continue, respecting social distancing guidelines.

Funeral Masses remain suspended, with only graveside services taking place with no more than 10 people present, including the priest performing the Rite of Committal.

All parishes are encouraged to find ways to remain in contact with their parishioners via telephone and digital means. Additional information can be found at cdow.org/coronavirus.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust policy as necessary.

Let us continue to pray for our diocese, our health care workers, and for all affected by the coronavirus.